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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KENYAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS RESTRICTED DATA ON F-5E

REF: NAIROBI 6545

1. KENYAN DEFENSE MINISTRY HAS WRITTEN TO EMBASSY REQUESTING THAT RESTRICTED TECHNICAL DATA ON F-5E AIRCRAFT BE RELEASED TO KENYA AIR FORCE. REQUEST STEMS FROM JULY 30 NAIROBI VISIT BY NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVE ROTHWELL WHO HAS TOLD KENYANS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT PERMISSION WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE DETAILED DATA ON AIRCRAFT COULD BE RELEASED. LETTER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS MORE INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL DETAILS, PERFORMANCE, ARMAMENT, AVIONICS, PRICE, AND PERFORMANCE IN COMPARISON WITH AIRCRAFT SUCH AS MIG-21 AND MIRAGE.

2. WHILE KENYANS COULD NOT EVEN CONTEMPLATE PURCHASING SUCH COSTLY AIRCRAFT WITHOUT EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WE RECOMMEND THAT PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF RESTRICTED DATA ON THIS AIRCRAFT BE GIVEN IN EVENT THAT KENYANS SUCCEED IN OBTAINING DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOURCE SUCH AS IRAN. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE IT CLEAR TO KENYANS THAT THERE IS AT PRESENT NO

POSSIBILITY OF US GRANTS OR CONCESSIONARY CREDIT FOR
ARMS PURCHASES EVEN IF KENYA IS MADE ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE
FMS ITEMS.

3. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT TECHNICAL DATA ON F-5E COULD BE
RELEASED PRIOR TO PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION MWTING# KENYA
FMS ELIGIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ASSUMPTION
CORRECT AND, IF SO, APPROXIMATELY HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE
REQUIRED TO REACH DECISION ON WHETHER TO RELEASE REQUESTED
DATA.
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